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Dates to Remember

- 24 Oct  Preschool/Kindergarten transition - 10-11am
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Assembly Dates – Friday at 9:00am

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring weather is here! This also means the lost property is increasing as the students take off their jumpers and forget where they put them... Take a few minutes to look through lost property over the next few weeks to find you missing school uniforms.

Senior Play Area
This week we have been very lucky to be part of the Bricks and Blocks Program. Last term one of our senior maths classes designed a hand ball wall for our senior play area. They counted bricks and measured and drew up plans. We have presented our plans to the bricklayer, Zac, and he is now working with our two Gold Creek High students to create our wall. The boys, Sam and Cohyn, who are in year 10 at Gold Creek, are part of the innovative program that gives students an opportunity to try trades. We would like to extend our thanks to the youth worker at Gold Creek, Colin, for his organisation and supervisor of the project. Drop over and see the wonderful handball wall that will provide hours of fun for our senior students.

Christmas singing and concert
Term 4 has many exciting activities as I mentioned in last week’s newsletter. I would like to discuss with you the Christmas Concert. Classes are busy with preparing and practising their Christmas and holiday songs and concert items. Our Christmas Concert is an annual event and we welcome all to attend on the evening of Thursday 4 December. If you would like to discuss your child’s participation in preparing and presenting in the Christmas concert, please come and see me. This is part of our program where children recognise celebrations of Australia. Our next opportunity for recognising celebrations will be next year for Harmony Day. Singing and Drama are part of the Australian Curriculum as is in the Arts Curriculum. We have weekly singing across the school and last term provided the Bush Dancing.

Trivia Night
I would like to encourage you to put a Trivia Night table together for Friday 14 November. The P&C are holding a community Trivia Night for the Palmerston Community. This is a wonderful way to have fun together as a community and enjoy ourselves as the year comes to an end. Just call in to the school and book a table with Jenny or Janet. The tables are starting to fill up. Parents are still talking about our last Trivia Night and how much fun it was.

Assessment and Reporting
Teachers are busy with assessment and then report writing will commence. If you have any concerns about your child’s progress, please feel free to make a time to discuss this with your child’s teacher.
Supervision of your children after school within the school grounds
As a school we provide supervision of children 8:30am - 3pm on week days. Late last term and early this term, staff in the Early Childhood area have noticed that some children after school have not been following school rules when their parents are sitting around the play equipment and chatting. This has put the children at risk. Just a reminder that it is important to supervise your child in safe play and not to ride bikes or scooters in the playground or blacktop, climb on the school roof, or use larger balls in this area. Thank you for your support in keeping all children, staff and community safe.

Melissa Travers
Principal

Ride Safe to School Day – Tuesday 28 October
Ride or scoot all or part of the way to school during Ride Safe to School Week and be in the running for some great prizes!

Kindergarten to year 4 students can win a scooter and helmet. Years 5 to 7 can win an Avanti Black Thunder mountain bike and helmet.

So join in the fun and Ride Safe to School on Tuesday 28 October. There will be stickers, fresh fruit and more!

Book Fair – just in time for Christmas!
It is time for the Palmerston Scholastic Book Fair again!

Classes will each be given time at the Book Fair. Students will have time to fill in a wish list form that can be taken home.

Please contact the front office for further information
Children’s Week 2014 Celebrations at Palmerston
On Wednesday 22 October Palmerston District Primary School celebrated Children’s Week by inviting parents and community to come into the classrooms and share a story in their home language. Our students enjoyed hearing some familiar and new stories told in different languages. These stories were then translated into English and parents explained to the students the meaning and content. Students asked the parents questions about the languages that they speak and were very interested in finding out about that language.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our parents for taking the time to come and share their home language with us. A successful and informative experience was had by all.

Emma Gusse and Georgina Sofatzis
Children’s Week Coordinators

Walkathon
Our annual Walkathon will be held on the 4 November this year. We are fundraising for friendship benches, as they will be a lovely addition to our playground and complement our Kids Matter and Friendly Schools Plus program.

All children have now received their sponsorship forms and their colouring in competition forms. If your child has not received theirs please see the front office.

This year the student that raises the most money will receive a family movie voucher and there are other book prizes for each student who raises the most in their PoD and students who walk the most laps. There will also be terrific surprise prizes for the colouring in competitions. The colouring in competition has been carefully designed to incorporate different aspects of life at Palmerston, such as singing. How many items can you identify?

With the Walkathon getting closer, students and teachers are getting very excited and many students have already handed in their colouring in competitions. We can’t wait to see their sponsorship forms!

Happy Walking!

Haeley Simms
Hooray Hooray for Market Day

Palmerston District Primary School will be holding a school market day on Friday 31 October 2014 (Week 3). No money will be handled at the stalls. Ticket sales have begun at morning lines, recess and lunch and will be on sale until the morning of the market day.

All students from across the school will be able to participate in games and purchase treats and miscellaneous goods from stalls.

All activities will be run by Year 5/6 students and the money raised will go toward the Year 6 graduation. If you are able to help out with providing necessary items or donations (e.g. books, toys, treats etc.) a labelled collection box for items has been placed at the front office.

P&C Trivia Night - Get a table together for a great night out!

We are very exciting to be hosting a Trivia Night here at Palmerston on Friday 14 November at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets are $10 per person, with tables of up to 8 people. This year the theme for the night is Movies. If you like you can organise to decorate your table and dress up. Tea/Coffee and cake can be purchased on the night or you are welcome to bring your own food for your table to share. Ticket orders can be placed in the Boomerang Box at the front office.

If you haven’t been to a Trivia Night before you may know them better as a Quiz Night. At a Trivia/Quiz Night, groups of people work together to answer questions. The questions are completed in rounds, with usually 10 questions or so per round. They are great fundraisers and a fun night out for all involved.
Defence News

Welcome back to Term 4, it’s already been a busy start to the term and it is shaping up to be even busier before it ends. I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is recharged and ready for what lies ahead.

This week I have sent home invites to all our Defence families to attend the Remembrance Day Assembly followed by a morning tea. The Defence students have already been very hard at work to organise the Assembly, making wreaths and other craft items to help promote the event. It will be held at 9am on Tuesday, 11 November in the school hall and I would like to extend an invite to all our parents and carers to join us for this special assembly.

Regards,
Marina Pilicic
DSTA

Privacy Notice
School Accidents/Incidents

Palmerston District Primary School collects information about injuries and incidents, which occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the Education and Training Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1998 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a student Accident/Incident Report or Critical Incident Report Form together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes for which the information is collected include notifying the Territory’s insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information is also provided to ACT WorkCover in accordance with the ACT Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.

Comm Bank Contest

Is your child a smart school saver?
To find the next generation of savers, Comm Bank is launching a national competition. Tell them in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
- $1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at www://commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers
**P&C News**

**Trivia Night – Friday 14 November**
The P&C in conjunction with the school are holding a Trivia night on Friday 14 November. This is a great night for parents, carers and teachers to get together and have some fun with other adults in our community. Information on how to buy your tickets will be sent home with your children this week.

**P&C Bake about**
Thursday 23 October and Thursday 6 November.

**Are you handy with a wooden spoon?**
Then maybe you can help bake a few batches of muffins after morning lines (9:00 -11:00). Please contact Jo Prezzi on 0409 565 895 or the front office if you can help.

**P&C Chat-about – Friday 24 October.**
Join us on Friday 24 October for a coffee/tea and chat after assembly at 9:30am in the library resource room.

**P&C Meeting - Monday 27 October**
The next P&C meeting is on Monday 27 of October @ 7:00 in the staff room. Items to be discussed include the upcoming Trivia Night and School disco.

**Palm Café canteen**
The canteen is open again in Term 4 on Tuesday and Friday recess from week 3. The items being sold in the canteen this term meet Nutrition Australia’s AMBER and GREEN traffic light healthy food guidelines. The menu is also available on the school website.

**Disco - Friday Nov 28th**
It will be a Hawaiian theme which means it will be very easy for everyone to dress up! Food being sold will be RED on the traffic light healthy food category!

Once again we will be looking for volunteers for setup, pack-up, canteen sales and security. Our last Disco was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. If you are able to help on the night please contact either Jo or Edwina on palmpandc@hotmail.com.

Have a great week!

Jo Prezzi  
P & C President
Community News

Gungahlin Community Council Survey
“We like living in Gungahlin because of the ambience, what it offers now and its potential to offer much more. The GCC is committed to influencing developments and improvements to make living in Gungahlin even better”.

In 2008 the ACT Government sought community views on the future development of the Gungahlin Town Centre. The recommendations (released in November 2011) were largely based on a very limited level of community response.

The 2014 GCC survey will cover what residents want to see happening in the Town Centre plus will seek input on roads, missing amenities, suburban issues and other factors contributing to living in Gungahlin. Now is the time for a strong community reaction – to have comprehensive community input into future planning. Gungahlin residents can show that they really care about the future development of their region by completing this survey.

The GCC will represent the outcomes to Government and keep the community advised of any progress.

Please see link below for the GCC 2014 Community Survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8QDXW69

Schools Chess Challenge at Westfield Belconnen
Location: Westfield Belconnen: Benjamin Way, Belconnen ACT
Date: Sunday 2 November, 2014
Time: 9.30am-3.15pm
Cost: $15 per player

For more information please call (02) 9745 1170 or email info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

ACT Community Language Schools Day - Saturday 25 October 2014  2.00pm – 6.00pm
University of Canberra Refectory, Bruce. Free entry.
The Canberra community are invited to come along and join a day of celebration organised by the ACT Community Language Schools Association with the support of the ACT Government through the Community Language Schools Program. 55 Community language schools and playgroups that teach 40 languages across Canberra will gather together during Children's Week to celebrate and share their learning through displays and performances. Several schools will be cooking some of their traditional foods for you to purchase.
For more information contact: ACT Community Language Schools Association 6230 5191
email: admin@actclsa.org.au

Spring Winds Festival – Sunday 26 October 12:00 – 4:00pm
Emu Inlet Belconnen and Belconnen Arts Centre. Includes kite making workshops for families, kite flying, drum making and playing workshops, drumming parades, origami and more. For more information contact www.belconnenartscentre.com.au or 6173 3300.
ACT Bilingual Education Alliance – Family Afternoon Tea Sunday 26 October 2014 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Civic Square (near Civic Library and Canberra Theatre Centre)

The ACT Bilingual Education Alliance invites you to this family event during ACT Children’s Week. There will be free games and fun activities for children in a range of languages. Bring along a favourite snack for a delicious multicultural afternoon tea. All welcome! For more details: contact Canberrabilingual@gmail.com, 0408 089 235 (Mandy) or http://actbilingual.weebly.com/events.html.

For other Children’s week events in the ACT see www.actchildrensweek.com.au

Jervis Bay School is Celebrating 100 years on Saturday November 1 from 9am to 2pm
All welcome to this fun day. For more details contact 4442 1002